Soap Updates by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Poised remembered Dixie so Walter Brent, a divorce attorney. Ted asked Jack to be his lawyer. Billy Clyde gave Emily Ann a locket with his and Estelle's photo in it. Erica decided to take a cruise and accepted a cruiser host from Steve Lindenbeck. Phoebe's Wayne, the handsome ship's captain, told her about music while Paul was getting his shots. Dixie King's (Spencer Christian) negative opinion of Emily Ann's and Frank's lessons. Ruth told Angie that Cal has been seeing someone regularly. **Wait To See:** Opal sees a new opportunity to win Palmer over — with disastrous results.

ANOTHER WORLD: Michael learned Donna had tried to bribe Jim to keep Mikey. Rachel and Jamie were stunned to learn Eric had a date with Vicky. Evan shocked Amanda by admitting he took the money and needed her help in returning it. As Jake tried to comfort a distraught Donna, they were startled by Marley's unexpected arrival. Donna inadvertently told Jake a secret about Sharlene's past. Shady switched sides with the truth serum, keeping Dr. Benson from finding her personality disorder. **Wait To See:** Amanda believes she has a new reason to be afraid of Jake.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Lily urged Iris to fight for Kirk. Duke and Tom were furious with Andy after he caused the accident that left Lois badly injured. Paul remembered marrying Barbara Ryan Ortignac. Jack wasn't happy about Caleb's offer to help her get the children back. Lisa warned Kim that Bob left left out so she and John got more involved with Andy. Bob went to see Susan who admitted she's fallen in love with him. **Wait To See:** Duncan gets an upsetting report.

BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL: Margo pulled Clarke's show stopper from the fashion show. Clarke told Eric he had had a better offer from Spectra. Eric asked Brooke not to tell anyone they're engaged until after his divorce from Stephanie. Beth was skeptical about Eric, but insisted she wanted only happiness for Brooke. Caroline was sure Brooke had gone to Paris to play on Ridge's feelings. **Wait To See:** Clarke sees only one way out of his chaotic situations.

DALLAS: Stephanie, already suspicious of J.R. for his intimate knowledge of her, prepared for a showdown with him. James and April were prepared to hear the worst about Michelle. **Wait To See:** J.R. could pick up all marbles, or wind up with all the rubble.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Jack carried Jennifer off to a honeymoon trip cabin in Australia. He realized he'd been set up. It was a disaster that looked like hope that had been thrown in front of a car. Bonnie and Melissa teamed up to rescue Jennifer and Jack from their wonderful nudge. Emilio fell over the bridge as he breathed his last failing wedding vow. Cal called Kimberly to tell her she can't hide from him in a panic; she ended out and fell down a stairwell. Shane arrived and got her to the hospital, where he learned she's pregnant. **Wait To See:** Bo faces a new dilemma as he decides whether or not to acknowledge Victor as his father.

FALCON CREST: Summaries will resume next week.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Tiffany was suspicious of Sean's interest in the case from the Wellington collection. Lucas fell into a coma, his life hung in the balance until Shannon discovered he was diabetic. Despite Scott's assurance that Faison is dead, Anna suspected the reclusive writer on Windemere was the man who could expose her past as a "prison." Anna decided to sneak into the infant to find the crystal while Desiree was at the wedding. **Wait To See:** Anna assesses the danger that lies in the message, "Port out lies in the message, "Port Charles, Lassies, Annihilation."

GENERATIONS: Chantal was determined to prosecute a pregnant football player. Helen rejected Charles' apology for striking her. A chance meeting after 15 years brought Daniel and Helen together again. She was delighted to learn about Maya. Charles' shrewd Rogi said the secret exists, and told him to send a Monet to Paris. Adam realized Rita wanted him to make love to her. **Wait To See:** Maya is overwhelmed by a revelation.

GUIDING LIGHT: Sam realized she couldn't face life without Dylan. Reva couldn't stop Rosa, Josh, and Billy from going after the sleeping Sam and Dylan. Harley tipped Dylan's parole officer as he was on his way across the state line. Neil decided to find out what Gary has on him. The Lewises were rocked by Blake's move at the zoning board. Roger felt uneasy after a visit and a warning from Ruth Price. **Wait To See:** Philip is shaken by Bob's news.

KNOTS LANDING: Tragedy threatened Karen as Wayne's relentless obsessiveness seemed about to turn violent. Val's decision about living on Gary's ranch brought her into a dangerous situation. **Wait To See:** Danny shows how dangerous a cornered rat can really be.

LOVING: Ava suggested Egypt about which of them Alex really loved. Diane was jealous of Greg's feelings for Clay. Dessy advised Rick to ignore Dixie's attempts to Heather and run. Alex pacified for the moment. "Erin Grant" Clay while Sue tried to keep his sister from going to him. **Wait To See:** Isabel decides it's time to show Aaron, but with whom?

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Jake and Megan realized the unconscious Roger to a hospital. The surgery was successful, and Max was able to learn Lily and Jared. Dorian insisted she had no knowledge of the plan to trap Roger in the burning Max, using the name Matt, arrived at Max's place. Gabrielle, however, was suspicious when he claimed to be an old friend of Max from the ranch. Bo and Sarah, shocked Michael was involved in the disposal of the body in his and run. **Wait To See:** Michael shows Dan he's no one to trifle with.

SANTA BARBARA: Angry that Mack deserted her, Augusta refused to give Gina an extension on her loan repayment. Hunt felt he was being treated unfairly by his "brothers" (Stephen and Derek) when they cautioned him about selling Kelly too much. Cruz hauled in the Peterman island to find Nikki and Michael, who realized they were kidnapped as Cruz could find them — and land right in a trap set up by his old nemesis, Kirk Cousteau. Mason and Julia learned Sheila's sister, Bethany, was in town. Gina called Bunny to get to check on Blackie Simpson; they might finally have something on Augusta. **Wait To See:** Laura plans a new way to kill Rafe, who may be rewarded by his "friends" in time.

YOUNG & THE RESTLESS: Victor cut out all mention of Nikki during meetings with Jack. David paid someone to call Nina and remind her of their six-month anniversary. Jack was served with divorce papers. John and Brock were upset (each for his own reasons) to find Rex still .She assured John there's no involvement and accepted his bid to a very special dinner. Jeff learned he's not ready for a family, but Nan pushed for a ruling in a paternity test which, Cricket learned, she might not be able to prevent. **Wait To See:** Kay (the real one) comes up with a plan that just might work.

Antiques and Collecting

by Ralph L. Kovel

Q. How can I date the cotton paper pieces and tradecards I found in an old scrapbook?

A. Colored printed paper was often cut into decorative shapes. They were popular giveaways and advertising pieces in the 19th century. Chromolithography, a color printing process, was discovered about 1840 and color pictures were plentiful for the first time. The small pictures were often saved and put into scrapbooks by our ancestors, who never saw a color photograph or TV screen.

"Victorian Scrapbook" by Cynthia Hart, Jessica Grossman and Priscilla Dunhill (Workman, $27.95) is a beautiful picture book with the history of scraps. In the back of the book is the specific information about makers and dates for each item pictured.

TIP: Always put a pad under a rug to keep it from wearing out.

Q. My small-printed handkerchief shows a schoolteacher and two children at the top. In a circle on the handkerchief is text called "Sabbath School Hymn." The bottom says "Boston Chemical Printing Company." When was it made?

A. The handkerchief was made between 1839 and 1843. The Boston Chemical Printing Company made several different religious verse pieces for children.

Q. I just saw some mission furniture marked "Fall" on a paper label. The chairs had the same quality more into it. As for his Lloyd Wright furniture. Have you heard of this maker?

A Pfail furniture was often in the Mission style. It was made in Whalen, N.Y., about 1914 and marked with your name.

For a copy of the Kovels' leaflet, "How to Refinish and Repair Furniture," send $1 and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Kovels, P.O. Box 22900, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Letters without stamped envelopes cannot be answered. Watch Interfere. It's not worth it. Obviously. Your young man cares for you and believes in you as a person. Leave it at that.

Deteriorating roads and bridges

About 60% of U.S. highways need repair, and the federal government classes half of that mileage as "deficient." About 40% of U.S. bridges are deficient.

Highways

Worst states	Percent deficient
Tennessee	36%
Mississippi	30%
Rhode Island	28%
Alaska	25%
Oklahoma	25%

Bridges

Worst states	Percent deficient
New York	68%
Connecticut	64%
Missouri	64%
West Virginia	61%
Montana	59%
Kentucky	59%

Best states

Minnesota	1%
Iowa	3%
New York	3%
North Dakota	3%
Wyoming	3%
Utah	3%

Best states

Arizona	7%
Alaska	14%
Utah	14%
Nevada	15%
Oregon	17%

SOURCE: Rebuild America Coalition

Word Play

RECONSOLIDATION — the solution of reconsolidating or state of being reconsolidated.

From the above word, find at least 20 five-or-more-letter words within a three-minute time frame.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

solid	slain	inside
cruise	saint	loose
train	dance	noose
cease	since	slide
drain	action	close
trade	reaction	drone
crate	aside	

DEAR DEX

by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:

I'm 24 years old, and approximately seven months ago, I met this man whom I've been dating ever since. Our relationship was not really serious; it basically was just casual dating during most of that time. He gave mixed signals as to how involved he wanted our relationship to get. I, myself, wanted something more than what there was, but figured I would not push the situation. About two months ago, I found out I was pregnant and at the time, he mentioned he certainly did not want to marry anywhere in the near future, and certainly didn't want children for years. I felt he would walk away if he knew, and I really wasn't ready for a child myself at the time, so I had an abortion. Now, just two weeks ago, he proposed to me. He said he wants to marry me and changed his mind about children, and would like to have one. I feel no guilty now. In about six more months, we would have had the child that I aborted. I never told him, and I don't want to go through having another child in the next year or so. How can I deal with the situation, break on to him, and live with the guilt I have about not even giving him a choice about the child we made together? How do I explain why I don't want a child right away?

GUILTY

DEAR GUILTY:

No one can predict the future, and you could have no way of knowing a few months ago, that your boyfriend would propose at this time, and profess his desire to have a family. You did what you felt you had to do at the time, and it is your right as a woman to do so (as far). However if you really feel overcome by guilt, I suggest you work this through with a professional therapist.

As for your young man, think this through. Don't marry him until you've had a chance to work out your guilt feelings in counseling. You may be walking down the aisle for all the wrong reasons. Until you have a handle on things, wait this out.

DEAR DIANE

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

I am living in a small town in central Florida, where opinions as well as people are well known. I just returned here from another state. However, when I lived here before, I was not very well liked, because I have always seemed to get along with males better than females. Now, it seems the same thing is happening.

Recently, my grandparents set me up with a young man who has a very high standing reputation in this town. But I'm afraid of my reputation jeopardizing his. I've told him of these things, but he reassures me not to worry. Yet again, he's no distant date. He's a friend. That's his nature. How do you "Sabbath School Hymn." The think I should handle the distance, as well as the small-town gossip? Thanks for your attention.

STRESSED OUT

DEAR STRESSED:

If, as you say, it's the young man's nature to be somewhat reserved, just accept that as such and don't read anything more into it. As for his reassuring you, give the guy a break and believe him. He sounds like a wonderful person who can't be swayed by petty, small-town gossip. After all, people who gossip are proving how lacking in character they themselves are when they have nothing better to do than to gossip about others. Take care, and do one a favor if they'd pay attention to their own pathetic lives.

Get on with your life and don't let the misguided actions of others interfere. It's not worth it. Obviously, your young man cares for you and believes in you as a person. Leave it at that.

Popeye

Flash Gordon

Betty Boop

Quincy

Mrs. Fitz

Flop Family

Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. A friend of mine recently told me that she heard Dr. Joyce Brothers mention that evolution has programmed us against lifetime marriages. Did she really say this? I'm engrossed in the subject.

A. Statistics indicate that approximately 50 percent of today's wives cheat on their husbands. Given that statistic, it's not surprising that 50 percent of today's marriages end in divorce. The Four Year Itch," Dr. Brothers explains in a recent article (Parade) that people tend to have affairs within intimate partners every four years. "The tendency has been with us through history, and is with us today around the world. In fact, evolution has programmed us not for lifetime marriages, but for serial marriages of about four years each," says Dr. Brothers.

Society now accepts the idea that women and men have similar sexual needs. Dr. Brothers points out that since more women have entered into the working world, affairs with co-workers are no longer a male prerogative. In studies examined by Dr. Brothers, wives themselves have some revealing answers as to why they cheat. They included: to force a change in their relationship; to "prove" desirability; to relieve boredom; to satisfy curiosity, or to take revenge for their husband's known or assumed infidelity.

Q. Is it true that Alec Baldwin, who costarred in "Hunt For Red October," once appeared on a daytime soap-opera? Kathleen P

A. Alec portrayed Billy Aldrich on "The Doctors" from 1980-82. Other "Dress Gray."

Q. I heard a rumor that "Newhart" will not be returning to the air next fall. What have you heard? Theo C

A. After eight seasons, CBS has dumped the show. Newhart, himself, blamed producers at MTM for making unreasonable demands. However, MTM says that Newhart's salary demands caused the surprise dumping.

Q. Exactly how old is Eva Gabor? Dennis P.

A. According to my sources, the sexy and sassy-as-ever Eva is 68. Still looking radiant, you can catch Eva next month on the television movie, "Return To Green Acres," in which Eva is draped in diamonds and tights blue jeans.

Q. I recently saw Michael E. Knight on the "Sydney" series which Martin was on the daytime soaper, "All My Children?" Ina G.

A. Michael's role on "Sydney" was only a guest-starring spot in which he portrayed one of her old boyfriends. Not to fret, though, Michael has no intentions, as of this writing, of leaving his "AMC" post.

Q. Who was Betsy Drake in Cary Grant's life? I recently heard someone mention that she was very special to him at one time. Phyllis

A. Ms. Drake was one of Grant's film costars who became one of his wives.

Coupon Corner

by Rose Lynn

Green Giant is now publishing a newsletter called "Giant Talk." It has games and activities for kids, information on health and nutrition, plus recipes and coupons. They also encourage readers to write in and ask questions. If you'd like to receive "Giant Talk," send your name and address to: Giant Talk Newsletter, P.O. Box 5816, Minneapolis, Minn., 55460. By the way, Green Giant is now selling fresh vegetables. Look for them in the fresh produce section of your local supermarket. You can also add the Green Giant toll-free number to your list. The number is 1-800-767-4448. You can use this number to ask questions or tell them how much you like their products.

The Seagram's company has a out an booklet called "Talk About Alcohol." It comes with a parent handbook. It deals with questions kids usually ask, and has puzzles, tests and what-if questions. To get your free copy, call Seagram's toll-free number, at 1-800-SEAGRAMS (1-800-732-4726).

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Trudeau dish
6. Insinuating
11. End of a necklace
12. Chinese dynasty
13. Kind of circuit
14. Free from worry
15. Mend, as a broken bone
16. Teeth of a sen
18. Island (Fr.)
19. Bowfin
21. Score in rummy
22. Poor writer
23. Sharpens
24. Meager
26. Sheriff's men
27. Chinese society
28. Target for Will the Stilt
29. Objective
30. Globetrotter's choice
33. Dolt
34. Old campaigner
35. Cicero or Cassius (abbr.)
36. Big game animal
38. Originate
40. Farm-born
41. Liquid measure
42. Be affected
43. Impudent
DOWN
1. Out of fashion
2. Blanched
3. Bar order
4. Craggy hill
5. Catch the eye
6. Switch a train
7. — compos mentis
8. Elated; overjoyed
9. Newspapers
10. International accord
17. Volunteer's product
20. Suspend
23. Llama
24. Large clam
25. TV cabinet
26. Doors
28. Hasten
31. Ward off
31. Things to count
32. Corundum
37. Dry, as some wines
39. Inlet (Sp.)

Books

by Ralph Hollenbeck

DOUBLESPEAK, by William Lutz (Harper & Row, no price available at press time).

According to the author, doublespeak is "a very conscious use of language as a weapon or tool by those in power to achieve their needs at our expense ... Much of it is frightening." As a professor of English at Rutgers University, Lutz outlines four different types of doublespeak in his work. They are euphemism, jargon, gobbledygook and inflated language. Not only does he define these terms, but he also sets forth some chilling examples, as employed by those in power.

This book is a must for those students of George Orwell who are fascinated by his prognostications in "1984" to come to fruition. As we can see from Lutz's work, Orwell's chilling Big Brother society is very evident in the way our leaders utilize language.

However lest the reader think this book is deadly serious and heavy, this is not the case. Each chapter is full of lighthearted examples of doublespeak met up with everywhere from doctors' offices to grocery stores. In fact, it's amazing how often it creeps into our everyday lives.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll meet with romance and affection now. Be sure to accept invitations. Be straightforward in financial dealings and you'll gain. You're in an adventurous mood. Still, if you'll channel your energy into career advancement, you'll meet with success.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone at a distance wants to hear from you. Though you're busy completing unfinished tasks, take some time out for yourself. Even though you have a busy social schedule now, be sure to set aside moments to spend alone with a loved one. A friend is moody.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Career changes require quick thinking to keep up with them, but you can come out on top. Meanwhile, your social life is active. You and a close friend will agree about joint aims, though partners may be reluctant to travel. Career initiative brings benefits.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Romance, travel and hobbies afford satisfaction now, but you need to watch expenditures. Minor difficulties are related to work. Duties connected with children can interfere with romantic rapport. Make plans for future times, when you can be alone together.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Unexpected situations at work can cause a change in plans. A trip for two will enhance romance. Be tactful with your co-workers. Romance and creative enterprises are accented, but you must rise above conflicting feelings. Enjoy the chance to increase income.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The unexpected causes you to reappraise a domestic situation. Your sex appeal is high and you'll attract much admiration. New ideas are exciting, but present them tactfully. Shut out the world and enjoy privacy with a loved one. Communicate thoughts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Common sense is your ally now, especially when shopping. Seek durable goods. You could be upset by the behavior of one in your family. Seriousness of purpose leads to material achievement. You may have difficulty in expressing anger or in properly exercising initiative.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Doing errands for a shut-in — or helping others out in some way — brings personal satisfaction, but a friend may get on your nerves. Attend to obligations in connection with friends. A lighter-up could make your day, but refrain from making any hasty changes.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Privacy allows you to make career headway through hard work, but don't show your results to those who might criticize them unjustly. Be sure to follow through on commitments. Though you may fly off the handle with a friend, you'll be able to patch things up later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be conscientious about business routines. Social contacts prove helpful to your career, but you'll need to use tact with a dear one. Curb impatience. Think of long-term goals regarding education and future plans; then work toward their realization.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your powers of concentration improve and, through steady effort, you will make progress on the job. Avoid romantic disputes. You'll find security in another's loyalty. Love feelings deepen, but ward off an argument about domestic matters toward nightfall.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're very involved in your work now and will make significant progress. Don't be short-tempered with one who interrupts you. Creative work will succeed. Apply your self now. Avoid arguments with children about expenses, also impulsiveness when shopping.

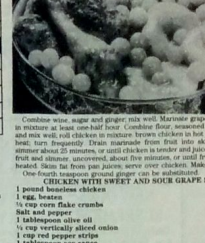
THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

Table grapes give the familiar bird an exotic twist and a very appealing crunch in these two recipes. For Chicken and Fruit in a skillet, if your family enjoys dark meat, use thrifty legs and thighs. Or bring budget-smart, buy a whole fryer and cut it up yourself. The Chicken With Sherried Sour Sauce has Oriental overtones. If time is important, you might want to buy frozen breaded chicken.

CHICKEN AND FRUIT IN A SKILLET

¼ cup dry white wine
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon grated ginger root
1 cup California grapes, seeded if necessary
2 small nectarines, pared, halved, pits removed
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon seasoned salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
4 each chicken legs and thighs OR 2½-pound fryer, cut up
3 tablespoons olive oil



Combine wine, sugar and ginger; mix well. Marinate grapes and nectarine in mixture at least one-half hour. Combine flour, seasoned salt and pepper and mix well; roll chicken in mixture. Brown chicken in hot oil over medium heat; turn frequently. Drain marinade from fruit into skillet. Cover and simmer about 25 minutes, or until chicken is tender and juices run clear. Add fruit and simmer, uncovered, about five minutes, or until fruit is thoroughly heated. Skim fat from pan juices; serve over chicken. Makes four servings.

One-fourth teaspoon ground ginger can be substituted for fresh.

CHICKEN WITH SWEET AND SOUR GRAPE SAUCE

1 pound boneless chicken
1 egg, beaten
½ cup corn flake crumbs
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup vertically sliced onion
1 cup red pepper strips
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon finely minced fresh ginger root
½ cup apricot preserves
1 cup red or green grapes, halved and seeded if necessary

Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces, dip into egg. Mix corn flake crumbs with salt and pepper; coat chicken with crumbs. Place on greased shallow bake at 375F 15 minutes, or until golden. Arrange on serving platter. Heat oil and onion in fry pan, add pepper strips, soy sauce, ginger and cook one minute. Stir in preserves and grapes; cook until thoroughly heated. Pour over chicken pieces. Makes about four servings.

Tip: Frozen prepared breaded chicken nuggets can be used instead of breading your own chicken pieces.

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Paint & Household

by Bob D'Angelo

Q. I have seen a beautiful painting technique in a friend's living room. She told me that it had been glazed. Please explain to me how I can achieve such a look. F.C.T., Manhattan, Kan.

A. Wall glazing is one of the finer that subtly accentuates any room. It is used to enhance the beauty of the furnishings.

You first need to choose two colors that will complement each other; the first being a opaque base coat. Thin make sure that the walls are as smooth and free from cracks as possible, try. Let's assume that you choose a cream base coat, and a peach glaze coat. If you use latex paints, use one-third paint, one-third Flotrol (made by Floid Co.) and one-third latex varnish. This formula will make the glaze coat transparent, allowing the base coat to show through. When applying, you have about five minutes to work with before the glaze coat starts to stiffen, so work quickly, doing about three square feet as a time. Also, it helps to have a partner.

The trick now is to remove some of the glaze, and create a haphazard pattern. I do this by loosely crumpling plastic wrap, and loosening the glaze coat. A natural sponge can be used to remove the paint. However, I like the plastic foil because you can throw it out when it starts to load up. It's important to have a border of the glaze, and overlap the next application. This is called a wet edge. Experiment with different natural objects first, there are several. Good luck!

Q. I have an above-outdoor deck off my kitchen that is approximately 23 years old. Parts have been replaced with pressure treated wood on both the original and pressure treated sections. When I replace pieces of the deck, I would like to eliminate those green stains (fungus?) before restaining. What would you recommend I use to wash these stains from the deck? L.Z. Des Moines, Iowa

A. Mildew, once again, is the cause of the green stains, and powerwashing is the solution. If your deck is close to, or built right on, the ground, rot will occur faster as water will be drawn into the wood through capillary action. Also, this wood does not have a chance to dry when lying on sand or gravel. In your situation, you stated your deck is above ground.

Powerwashing will successfully eliminate the mildew from the deck and restores the beauty of the wood. Powerwashing is something I wouldn't recommend you do yourself. It's better left to professionals.

Home hints

KITCHEN TIMER — I enjoy working in my garden, but I seem to forget about the time. Consequently, I've been late for appointments several times. Now, whenever I go out, I take my kitchen timer with me. I set it for the amount of time I can spend outside, and I'm never late once since doing this. Jeannette C., Central Islip, N.Y.

STUCK GLASSES — I had my two young granddaughters for a visit, and they insisted on helping around the house. In several occasions, they did the dishes for me.

After they left, I found that of the girls had stacked two glasses together inside one another, and I could free.

I put some cold water in the top glass and dropped a few cubes into a hot water. I was then able to gently pull the glasses apart. Someone else told me that if you pour some baby oil or mineral oil between the glasses, allow them to set for a while, and then gently pull, they'll some apart that way as well. Vicki W., Atlanta, Ga.

CLEAN FREEZER — I got a cleaning bug and decided it was time to clean out the freezer. I had several boxes of frozen foods and only had a little left in them. So, I took the food out of the boxes and placed the single servings in a plastic freezer bag. Then I cut the label and any instructions off the original package and taped them to the bag. Not only did this make my freezer neater, but I had a lot more room. Ida W., Canton, Ohio

ROOMMATE TIP — I go to college and share an apartment with another young woman. I love to cook, but I'm a picky eater. My roommate and I split groceries most of the time. Sometimes, I'd buy certain ingredients for a recipe I'd want to try, but when I began preparation, I'd find the key ingredient had been used by my roommate.

Now when I buy special ingredients to put in a recipe, I mark the ingredient with a large red X. This way, she knows that this is for a special purpose, and once again, there is peace in the apartment. Plus, I don't have to make my more extra runs to the store for just one item! Loretta B., Omaha, Neb.

Top 10 Movies

1. **Crazy People** Dudley Moore
2. **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**
3. **Ernest Goes To Jail** Jim Varney
4. **Pretty Woman** Richard Gere
5. **I Love You To Death** Kevin Kline
6. **Cry Baby** Johnny Depp
7. **Nuns On The Run** Eric Idle
8. **Miami Blues** Alec Baldwin
9. **Red October** Sean Connery
10. **Impulse** Theresa Russell